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Docket No.: SEIFARTH

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In re Application of:

WOLFGANG SEIFARTH et al.

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Filed: November 28, 2001

For: METHOD FOR THE SPECIFIC DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF RETROVIRAL **NUCLEIC ACIDS/RETROVIRUSES IN A**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION dated July 1, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

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This communication is in response to the Official Action of July 1, 2004 having a shortened period for response terminating August 2, 2004.

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[] Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$210.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: